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### **OBJECTION TO THE DISCLOSURE**

In the Office Action, the disclosure was objected for informalities. More specifically, it is stated that  $k_1, k_2, \dots k_n$  are not defined in the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 13. Also, it is stated in the Office Action that the sentence on page 3, lines 20-21 is missing a verb. The paragraph has been amended as shown to address both of these objections. In addition, other paragraphs of the disclosure have been amended as shown to enhance consistency with the drawings. No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure.

### **REJECTIONS BASED ON SECTION 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH**

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph as being indefinite. These claims have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection.

### **NEW CLAIMS**

As noted above, claims 4-23 have been added. It is believed that the claims are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants respectfully request that these claims be allowed.

### **CONCLUSION**


As all of the outstanding rejections have been traversed and all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, the Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a

Notice of Allowability. If the undersigned attorney can assist in any matters regarding examination of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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